

playing separately addressed video segments[,] said laser readable disc comprising:
[said laser readable disc having] at least one spiral track storing a video program
comprising a plurality of separately addressable video segments;
video segment address information directly defining said plurality of separately
addressable video segments; and
at least one segment code, in addition to said address information, for preventing
at least one of said control functions of said apparatus from interfering with a playing of at least
one of said plurality of separately addressable video segments.

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84. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 83 wherein [said] the prevented
control function is a segment skip function.

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85. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 83 wherein [said] the prevented
control function is a fast-forward function.

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86. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 83 wherein said at least one
segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from skipping a playing of a
commercial included with said video program.

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87. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 83 wherein said at least one

segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from fast-forwarding a playing of a commercial included with said video program.

88. (Amended) A laser readable disc for use in conjunction with a playback apparatus having a random access capability and a plurality of control functions for selectively playing separately addressed video segments[;], said laser readable disc comprising:

[said laser readable disc having] at least one spiral track storing a video program comprising a plurality of separately addressable video segments including video segments for variably playing at least one scene of the video program;

a user interface particular to said video program for enabling a user to establish a content preference;

segment address information directly defining said plurality of separately addressable video segments;

and at least one segment code, in addition to said address information, for preventing at least one of said control functions of said apparatus from interfering with a playing of at least one of said plurality of separately addressable video [program] segments.

89. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 88 wherein said at least one segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from skipping a playing of a commercial included with said video program.

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90. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 8⁸ wherein said at least one segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from fast-forwarding a playing of a commercial included with said video program.

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91. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 8⁸ wherein said video segments for variably playing at least one scene of the video program are responsive to at a level of detail; and wherein at least one of said control functions is a segment skip function.

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92. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 8⁸ wherein said video segments for variably playing at least one scene of the video program are responsive to at a level of detail; and wherein at least one of said control functions is a fast-forward function.

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93. (Amended) A laser readable disc for use in conjunction with a playback apparatus having processing, random accessing, and buffering capabilities and a plurality of control functions for selectively playing separately addressed video segments[;], said laser readable disc comprising:

[said laser readable disc having] at least one spiral track storing a video program comprising a plurality of separately addressable video segments including parallel video segments for variably playing at least one scene of the video program; a user interface particular to said video program for enabling a user of said video

program to establish a content preference;

segment address information directly defining said plurality of separately addressable video segments; and

at least one segment code, in addition to said address information, for preventing at least one of said control functions of said apparatus from interfering with a playing of at least one of said plurality of separately addressable video [program] segments; whereby said playback apparatus without requiring an alternative program source or for said user to create said segment information, and responsive to said at least one segment code and said content preference, plays, by means of a processing, random accessing, and buffering, a seamless version of, and from within said video program, the playing seamlessly skipping over a retrieval of at least a portion of a parallel video segment included within the video program.

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94. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 93 wherein [said] the prevented control function is a segment skip function.

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95. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 93 wherein [said] the prevented control function is a fast-forward function.

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96. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 93 wherein said at least one segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from skipping a playing of a

commercial included with said video program.

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97. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 93 wherein said at least one segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from fast-forwarding a playing of a commercial included with said video program.

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98. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 93 wherein at least one set of parallel segments, included within said video program, provide for at least two versions of a scene with different levels of sex; wherein at least another set of parallel segments, included within said video program, provide for at least two versions of another scene with different levels of violence; and wherein said at least one segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from skipping a playing of a commercial included with said video program.

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99. (Amended) The laser readable disc of claim 93 wherein at least one set of parallel segments, included within said video program, provide for at least two versions of a scene with different levels of sex; wherein at least another set of parallel segments, included within said video program, provide for at least two versions of another scene with different levels of violence; and wherein said at least one segment code prevents at least one of said control functions from fast-forwarding a playing of a commercial included with said video program. --